



Docket No. 1975.99C

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

PATENT

APPLICANT: Robert C. Heath et al

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FOR: DISPOSABLE LID FOR A CUP

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EXAMINER: R. Hylton

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APPELLANT'S REPLY

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DEAR SIR:

In response to the Examiner's Answer, please consider the following remarks.

REMARKS

The Examiner's argument states that "The inner wall of the clamp is seen in figures 2 and 5 to engage the upper, innermost portion of the cup rim." This use of "engage" should accurately be stated as "touches" in contradistinction to appellant's claimed arrangement in which the cup rim fits between the outer and inner portions of the cup rim or, as the claims state, "inner and outer lips which grip . . . the lip of the cup."

The Examiner further states that "Appellant's arguments . . . indicate appellant did not clearly understand the rejection set forth." Appellant disagrees and respectfully

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submits that the arguments in Appellant's Brief dated 11/13/01 are fully responsive to the Examiner's Answer and the rejections should be reversed.

Respectfully submitted,

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